(b) if so, whether the KVIC proposes to revise the pay scales as a part of its plan to revitalise the working of the Commission; and

(c) If so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No Sir. The Pay scales of the employees of Khadi and Village Industries Commission were revised on the basis of the recommendation of the Fourth Pay Commission.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Enhancement in the prices of cement

*569. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) on how many occasions from 1980 to 1987, prices of levy and haevy-free cement have been enhanced through administrative orders;

(b) what is the extent of enhancement on each occasion;

(c) what is the total additional revenue realised thereby from 1980 to 1989, year-wise; and

(d) what were the reasons for the frequent price hikes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The FOR price in respect of levy cement had been revised four times during the period from 1980 to 1987 as per details given below;

Period for which revised prices remained effective	FOR price for naked coment (Rs. per tons)
As on 1-1-80	818.94
(i) 24-7-81 to 27-2-82	400.85
(ii) 28-2-82 to 1-7-83	440.00
(iii) 2-7-83 to 17-7-84	492.00
(iv) 18-7-84 to 31-12-87	532.00

The above price is exclusive of Central excise duty and State sales tax local levies and packing charges.

There is no price and distribution control on non-levy cement and its price is determined by the market forces operating from time to time.

(c) Government have not received any additional revenue due to above price increases.

(d) The main reason for the frequent price hikes was the increase in the cost of inputs, viz., power, coal, rail freight and wages etc.

Assets, gross profits and turn-over value of 20 largest industrial houses

570. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1447 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1988 and state:

(a) the total assets, gross profits and turn-over (value) of twenty Largest Industrial Houses as in 1980 and in 1989; and